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BRITISH CANDIDACIES)

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1. PER TELEPHONE INSTRUCTIONS HOYT/TRC TO DILLON JANUARY 9,
USREP WENT BACK TO UKREP FOR THIRD TIME TO ASK "WHERE THE UK
STANDS RE VIVIAN." THE RESPONSE WAS THE SAME AS THE TWO OTHER
TIMES; THEY HAVE DONE NOTHING; UKREP THINKS IT UNLIKELY THEY
WILL BECAUSE VIVIAN HAS NOT BEEN IN UK FOR MANY YEARS AND IS
NOT KNOWN TO EUROPEAN GROUP; AND BECAUSE HE IS AN AGGRESSIVE
"OPERATOR" WHO MIGHT FIND IT DIFFICULT TO REVERSE HIS UNDP
EXPANSION TECHNIQUES IN ORDER TO BRING CONSTRAINTS TO BEAR ON
ICAO BUDGET/EXPENDITURES. UKREP INDICATED THAT "THIS MATTER
WILL NOT BE DECIDED HERE -- IT WILL BE DECIDED IN EUROPE."

2. USREP RE-ITERATES THAT IF US CONSIDERING VIVIAN AS ONLY LIKELY
ENGLISH-SPEAKING CANDIDATE, INQUIRIES SHOULD BE MADE THROUGH
AMEMBASSY LONDON.

3. USREP ASKED IF ANY INITIATIVE HAD BEEN TAKEN RE JACOBE
(REF D). RUSSELL SAID THAT UK AVIATION OFFICIAL GREEN HAD BEEN
TRAVELLING IN PACIFIC RECENTLY AND INTENDED TO INQUIRE
ABOUT JACOBE WHILE IN AUSTRALIA. HOWEVER THERE HAS BEEN NO
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RESPONSE TO DATE AND RUSSELL IS OF THE OPINION JACOBE NOT

INTERESTED OR UNAVAILABLE.

4. REGARDING SOUNDINGS ABOUT CANDIDACY OF LAMBERT (FRENCH COUNCIL REP) UKREP INDICATED HE IS PUZZLED. A. HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY SOUNDINGS ARE BEING MADE IN MONTREAL INSTEAD OF GETTING THE EUROPEAN GROUP TOGETHER IN EUROPE BEHIND ONE CANDIDATE. B. HE DOES NOT UNDERSTAND WHY A BRILLIANT, YOUNG MAN (39 APPROX) ON WAY UP IN FRENCH GOVERNMENT SHOULD BE CONSIDERING 3-6 YEARS OUT OF TOUCH WITH HIS ADMINISTRATION. (APPARENTLY RUSSELL MENTIONED THIS TO LAMBERT WHO INDICATED THAT HE EXPECTED TO REMAIN VERY MUCH IN TOUCH WITH GOF AND WOULD BE ON "SECONDMENT" TO DO SYG JOB. RUSSELL MENTIONED TO HIM ARTICLE 59 OF THE CHICAGO CONVENTION WHICH APPARENTLY LAMBERT HAD NOT FOCUSED ON.

5. ONCE AGAIN IT WAS OBVIOUS IN DISCUSSIONS WITH UKREP THAT HE PERSONALLY WANTS SYGSHIP. FOR EXAMPLE RE LAMBERT CANDIDACY HE SAID THAT IF HE HAD KNOWN THAT THE FRENCH COUNCIL REP MIGHT BE CONSIDERING FILING, HE, RUSSELL, "WOULD HAVE GONE FOR IT HIMSELF." LATER AS USREP WAS LEAVING, RUSSELL RETURNED TO POSSIBILITY HIS OWN CANDIDACY, SAYING THAT HE PERSONALLY CANNOT INITIATE CONSIDERATION HIS OWN CANDIDACY BUT IF US CONSIDERS IT VIABLE ALTERNATIVE WE MIGHT WANT TO TAKE IT UP DURING ANY EUROPEAN DISCUSSIONS. FYI: APPARENTLY RUSSELL UNAWARE OF BASIC PROBLEM WHICH RESULTED IN KEY COUNCIL MEMBERS ABANDONING THIS POSSIBILITY SOME MONTHS AGO. END FYI.

6. RUSSELL SAID THAT RECENTLY SYG KOTAITE (PRESIDENT-ELECT) HAD ASKED HIM WHAT HAPPENED TO DISCUSSION IN VANCOUVER/AUGUST RE POSSIBILITY RUSSELL SYG CANDIDACY. (REFTEL C.) RUSSELL GAVE NO RESPONSE. FYI: THIS INQUIRY BY KOTAITE IS INTERESTING IN VIEW OF US UNDERSTANDING WITH KOTAITE. END FYI.
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